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A NEW RECORD FOR *COPRIS HOWDENI* MATTHEWS AND HALFFTER (COLEOPTERA: SCARABAEIDAE)

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Copris howdeni is a rare dung beetle previously known only from Florida (Woodruff 1973). On 1 June 1973, while collecting in the vicinity of McClellanville, Berkeley County, South Carolina, I took 3 *C. howdeni* in an ultraviolet light trap.

My tentative identification of these beetles was confirmed by O. L. Cartwright of the Smithsonian Institution. In making his determination Cartwright compared these scarabs with a single specimen from the Smithsonian collection, labelled *Copris cartwrighti* Robinson, taken by R. Peters at Charleston, Berkeley County, South Carolina in May 1944. Cartwright found that this specimen had been incorrectly identified and that it was actually *C. howdeni*.

In light of the above, the *C. howdeni* taken by Peters constitutes a new record for South Carolina. The beetles taken by me serve to confirm that this occurrence was not accidental.

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